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## Japan

## **Solid Wood Products**

## **European Imports Grow Again in 2001**

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Report Highlights: Japanese wood product imports from Europe were 3,300,000 m3, in 2001, including 382,000 cubic meters (m3) of structural glulam, 41,000 m3 of hardwood lumber, and 2,280,000 m3 of softwood lumber.

Includes PSD changes: No Includes Trade Matrix: No Unscheduled Report Tokyo [JA1], JA As broken out below, Japanese wood product imports from Europe totalled 3,300,000 cubic meters (m3), in 2001, including 41,000 m3 of hardwood lumber and 382,000 m3 of structural glulam. While increases in Japanese imports of softwood lumber from Europe are slowing, compared with previous years, they were up 3.9% to 2,280,000 m3 in 2001.

Japanese Softwood Lumber Imports from Europe in 2001		
Country	Volume ( m3 )	% Change from 2000
Finland	847,942	+ 7.7%
Sweden	705,580	+ 3.2%
Austria	506,631	- 2.5%
Czech	63,615	+ 1.4%
Germany	46,442	- 6.0%
Latvia	38,655	+ 101.3%
Netherlands	22,255	- 19.2%
Norway	21,038	+ 2.4%
Estonia	7,672	+ 15.5%
France	5,754	- 41.4%
Lithuania	5,200	+ 220.2%
Switzerland	4,385	+ 53.7%
Slovakia	2,406	+ 158.2%
Poland	1,082	- 37.5%
Others	1,918	- 19.2%
Total:	2,280,575 m3	+ 3.9%

(Source: Japan Lumber Importers Association)

End of report.